

Action Alert on FDA's Bogus Proposed Rules on GE Foods

Action Alert on FDA's Bogus "No Labeling, No Safety Testing" Proposed Rules on Genetically Engineered Foods issued Jan. 17, 2001

Take Action!

The FDA has announced an official citizen comment period until April 3, 2001. Write to the FDA Commissioner's office and tell them that the new policy is unacceptable. Tell them you are disappointed that the FDA continues to ignore the safety concerns of consumers and chooses instead to help the companies developing biotech products. Demand that she change the policy on genetically engineered food to one that protects the rights of the consumer. A sample letter follows.

Send your e-mails to fdadockets@oc.fda.gov, subject re: dockets . 00N-1396 and 00D-1598, or write to:

FDA Commissioner Dockets Management Branch
(HFA 305) Food and Drug Administration 5630 Fisher's Lane,
Room. 1061 Rockville MD 20852

For the full text of the FDA rules, visit:
<http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/oc/ohrms/advddisplay.cfm>

Sample Letter:

Dear FDA Commissioner,

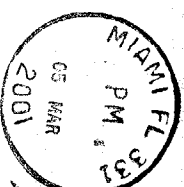
The proposed Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations fail to require labels or safety tests on genetically engineered (GE) food. The new rules continue to deny Americans the right to know what is in our food, while protecting the economic interests of biotech corporations.

Labeling GE foods would protect the public from potential hazardous health effects such as food allergies and toxicity that can only be traced if GE foods can be identified. By refusing to require both labeling and mandatory pre-market safety testing of foods, the FDA puts consumer's health at risk, ignores possible environmental hazards, and fails to satisfy the overwhelming desire of American consumers to exercise freedom of choice in the marketplace.

It is not enough to require that firms simply notify you of their intent to market a food produced with genetic engineering; this is no substitute for thorough pre-market safety testing. The proposed "voluntary labeling" guidelines will do nothing to inform consumers of the presence of genetically

00D-1598

C 2398



FDA Commissioner Dockets
Management Branch
(HFA305) Food & Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane
Room 1061
Rockville MD 20852

Action Alert on FDA's Bogus Proposed Rules on GE Foods

Action Alert on FDA's Bogus "No Labeling, No Safety Testing" Proposed Rules on Genetically Engineered Foods issued Jan. 17, 2001

Take Action!

The FDA has announced an official citizen comment period until April 3, 2001. Write to the FDA Commissioner's office and tell them that the new policy is unacceptable. Tell them you are disappointed that the FDA continues to ignore the safety concerns of consumers and chooses instead to help the companies developing biotech products. Demand that she change the policy on genetically engineered food to one that protects the rights of the consumer. A sample letter follows.

Send your e-mails to fdadockets@oc.fda.gov, subject re: dockets . 00N-1396 and 00D-1598, or write to:

FDA Commissioner Dockets Management Branch
(HFA 305) Food and Drug Administration 5630 Fisher's Lane,
Room. 1061 Rockville MD 20852

For the full text of the FDA rules, visit:
<http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/oc/ohrms/advdisplay.cfm>

Sample Letter:

Dear FDA Commissioner,

The proposed Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations fail to require labels or safety tests on genetically engineered (GE) food. The new rules continue to deny Americans the right to know what is in our food, while protecting the economic interests of biotech corporations.

Labeling GE foods would protect the public from potential hazardous health effects such as food allergies and toxicity that can only be traced if GE foods can be identified. By refusing to require both labeling and mandatory pre-market safety testing of foods, the FDA puts consumer's health at risk, ignores possible environmental hazards, and fails to satisfy the overwhelming desire of American consumers to exercise freedom of choice in the marketplace.

It is not enough to require that firms simply notify you of their intent to market a food produced with genetic engineering; this is no substitute for thorough pre-market safety testing. The proposed "voluntary labeling" guidelines will do nothing to inform consumers of the presence of genetically

00D_1598

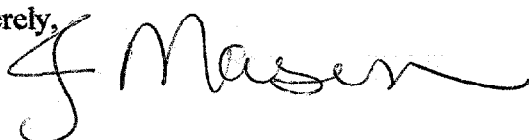
C 2398

engineered ingredients in their food, because biotech companies and food manufacturers have vehemently opposed labeling in the past and will not voluntarily label their foods in the future.

Therefore, I urge you to keep all genetically engineered ingredients and crops off the market unless or until:

- 1) Independent safety testing demonstrates they have no harmful effects on human health or the environment;
- 2) They are labeled to ensure consumers' right-to-know; and
- 3) The biotechnology corporations that produce them are held responsible for any harms they may cause.

Sincerely,



Organic Consumers Association - Home

6101 Cliff Estate Rd., Little Marais, MN 55614, [about us](#)

Activist or Media Inquiries: (218) 226-4164, Fax: (218) 226-4157

If you support this web site, send a tax-deductible donation to OCA

[Organic Food News](#) | [Green Living vs Corporate Abuse](#) | [Genetically Engineered Food](#)

[Events](#) | [Daily News](#) | [Participate Locally](#) | [Food Irradiation](#) | [Mad Cow Diseases / CJD](#)

[Find Pure Food](#) | [Cloning/Patents & Xenotransplants](#) | [rBGH](#) | [Toxic Food](#) | [Monsanto Watch](#)

SEARCH site using keywords.

[I want a free subscription](#)

*** BioDemocracy News** (published every 6 weeks) [previous issues](#)

Jacque Mason
1251 NE 108th St Apt 321
Miami, FL 33161-7341



FDA Commissioner Dockets
Management Branch

(HFA 305) Food & Drug Administration
5630 Fisher's Lane
Room 1061
Rockville MD 20852

